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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in the above-referenced application.

TITLE OF THE INVENTION:

Please amend the Title of the Invention as follows.

--SPEECH SYNTHESIS UNIT SELECTION APPARATUS AND METHOD,
AND STORAGE MEDIUM--